GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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REDUCING THE SPEED OF SUPERFAST TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Superfast Trains to go slow' in the Asian Age' dated February 3, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government have contemplated or planned to reduce the speed of superfast trains from 120 km per hour to 90 km per hour; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): In view of the accident of 2301 UP Howrah-NewDelhi Rajdhani Express on 09.09.2002, a temporary speed restriction of 75 Km/h had been imposed during night time on Dhanbad, Mughalsarai and Danapur Divisions of EastCentral Railway and on Madhupur-Jhajha section of Eastern railway as a precautionary measure on security considerations, as a result of which, the speed of some trains including Rajdhani Expresses were reduced. However, the temporary speed restriction of 75 Km/h has been withdrawn with effect from 21.2.2003 on all sections, except Koderma-Dehri-On-Sone sectionof East Central Railway, where there is need for extra vigilance.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.